

The State Board of Education/State Board for Vocational Education held a work session on Thursday, June 20, 2013 in the Cabinet Room of the Townsend Building, Dover, Delaware.

Present were: Teri Quinn Gray, President; Gregory B. Coverdale, Jr.; G. Patrick Heffernan, Randall L. Hughes, II, Barbara B. Rutt, Terry M. Whittaker and Donna R. Johnson, who serves as the State Board's Executive Director.

Also in attendance were Ilona Kirshon, Deputy Attorney General and legal counsel for the State Board of Education; Michael Watson, Chief Academic Officer, Teaching and Learning; and Dr. Susan Haberstroh, Associate Secretary, Education Supports & Innovative Practices.

Others attending included: Alexandra Leach, Diane Donohue, Tonyea Mead, Edward McGrath, John Moyer, April McCrae, and Shelley Rouser.

President Gray called the work session to order at 9:13 a.m.

Next Generation of Science Standards

Department staff presented an overview of Delaware's plan for adoption and implementation of the Next Generation Science Standards. The State currently has science standards in place, strong professional development and the Delaware Science Coalition. All of these are in the State's favour as it moves toward implementation. Challenges will be restructuring the Science Coalition to meet the vision of Common Core and the Next Generation of Science Standards and changing the teaching culture for science.

Perkins Career and Technical Education Act Eligible Agency Responsibilities

The Board received background information on the Act and the findings from the recent federal monitoring audit that noted the lack of an appropriately identified eligible agency for oversight. The Department cannot serve as the eligible agency. To comply with the findings, legislation was enacted to designate the State Board of Education as the eligible agency. Two public hearings will be held this summer on the proposal and one of the conditions is that the State Board convene a special committee of the Board for this oversight.

DPAS II and Regulation 106, 107 and 108

Diane Donohue presented the proposed changes to the regulations. The regulations are on the Board's regular meeting agenda for discussion. She explained that many of the amendments were proposed to addresses issues and concerns that have been expressed during the current year's implementation.

Adjournment

The work session adjourned at 12:25 p.m.